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M. Brent Futrell

FIRST STATE BANK OFFICER HONORED WITH COVETED "MAKING A DIFFERENCE" AWARD BY IBAT (INDEPENDENT BANKERS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS)

M. Brent Futrell, Investment Executive/Senior Vice president of First State Bank in Dumas, has been selected to receive the 2007 "Making a Difference" Award by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT).

In nominating the 12-year First State employee for the honor, bank personnel cited his active role in both the community and within the bank itself. "Brent gives his time, money and talent; but, most of all, he gives of himself without ever expecting anything in return. He serves his community and does his job with pride, honesty and integrity."

Brent is a graduate of Texas A&M University; he is married to Sabra Futrell and has four children: Stephanie, Lisa, Nathan and Tim. He has lived in Dumas for more than 30 years and has been an active part of the community during that time. He helps with choir activities at Dumas High School, and serves as the choir director and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church. He has been the youth choir director there as well.

During the tornado disaster this spring at nearby Cactus, Brent spent numerous hours feeding people at the community building. He spent most of his free time taking those who had been

Manor Friends To Meet

Manor Friends will meet on Monday, August 6th -10 a.m. at Coldwater Manor.

Red Hat To Meet Thursday, Aug. 2

The Red Hat Society will meet, Thursday, August 2, 2007 at the First Christian Church at 5:30 p.m. to carpool to Dumas. We will eat at the China Buffet, 133 N. Dumas, Ave. The meal will cost \$6.66 for those sixty & over. With one hundred food items to choose from. Put on your purple and red, Let's have fun and get fed!

Hostesses: Dorothy Haile and Oline Caraway.

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Greg Wright -7 days a week, updating as needed

'displaced to get clothing and food. He is an active member of the Lions Club, has been a board member of the Economic Development Corporation, is a past recipient of the "Citizen of the Year Award", given by the Moore County Chamber of Commerce, and has also served as Mayor of Dumas.

"This award was established to recognize those community bankers throughout the state who literally are 'Making a Difference', said IBAT President/CEO Christopher Williston." It gives us an opportunity to publicly thank these special people for going the extra mile each day in their communities and banking institutions."

Brent's selection was in the More than \$100 million in assets category of banks. He will be honored in ceremonies during the IBAT Education Foundation Gala in October. We congratulate him in receiving this honor!

BAKE SHOPPE SERIES TO BE OFFERED By Susie Spurlock

Sherman County youth entering the 3rd grade and older are invited to come join the fun of "4-H Bake Shoppe". "4-H Bake Shoppe" is a series of food preparation workshops that will focus on baking skills.

Session I will be held Wednesday, August 8 at 9:30 am and will teach cookie baking skills. Members will learn how to prepare and bake drop and bar cookies at the workshop. This workshop will be held at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. Connie Burton and Eric Burton will be leading this session.

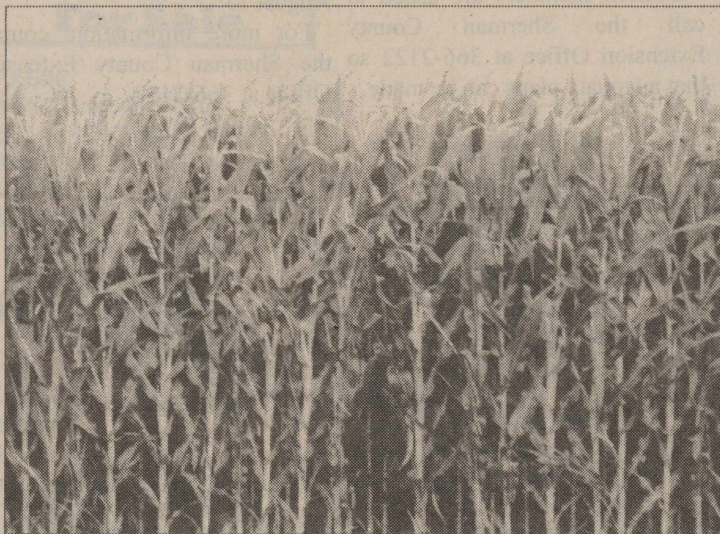
Muffins and Quick Breads will be prepared at Session II on August 15th. The workshop will be conducted by Jill Killian and Katie Killian beginning at 9:30 am at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

Bread in a Bag will conclude the series on Monday, August 20th. Beginning at 9:30 am, youth will learn how to make a loaf of whole wheat bread in a plastic food bag. Susie Spurlock and Jennie Spurlock will be leading this session.

Following the "4-H Bake Shoppe" series, youth will be invited to attend 4-H Food and Nutrition project group sessions. Youth will learn food preparation, nutrition, food buying, food safety, and nutrition and health relationships in the project. In addition, Nutrition Quiz Bowl will be introduced to youth and adult participants.

For more information about "4-H Bake Shoppe" or the 4-H Food and Nutrition Project, contact Texas Cooperative Extension-Sherman County at 366-2122 or come by the Annex of the Sherman County Courthouse located at 701 N. Third Street in Stratford.

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A field of Sherman County Corn tasseling. Photo by Bailey Naugle.

Corn Prices, Acreage and Fungi Levels Up By Bailey Naugle

High demand and elevated prices drove many growers to put more land to corn this season.

Sherman County Farm Service Agency records show approximately 61,900 acres were planted to corn for grain in 2006. This year that number jumped to 81,250 acres, which is an increase of roughly 19,350 acres.

Although the acreage of corn for grain is up, the amount of silage dropped by almost two thousand acres. According to FSA records, Sherman County cotton acreage dropped by roughly 8,000 acres with approximately 1,900 additional acres being claimed by hail.

Roger Holinsby of Plains Cotton Growers believes the crop swap is due mainly to high prices for corn.

Don Riffe of Stratford Grain said that there is "no comparison" between corn prices now and this time last season. "It is probably \$1 to \$1.50 higher right now," he said. The lofty prices are believed to be a result of the increased demand of corn due to ethanol production.

Ethanol, an increasingly popular alternative fuel, is produced by refining large masses of Feedstock-grade corn.

Panda Ethanol projects that the Hereford plant, scheduled to begin operating this fall, will annually refine 40 million bushels of corn. Panda Ethanol also has plans for a plant in Sherman County that would refine an estimated 38 million bushels.

The potential usage of these and other plants combined with the existing demand of area feed yards sends demand for corn - and in-turn, prices - soaring.



Perry G. Williams

Perry Williams Elected to Happy State Bank Board

J. Pat Hickman, Chairman and CEO of Happy State Bank & Trust Co. announced that Perry G. Williams has been elected to the Board of Directors of the bank and its holding company, Happy Bancshares, Inc.

Williams grew up in Amarillo and is a graduate of Amarillo High School. Following high school he joined the family

This season's mild temperatures, high humidity and above average rainfall levels have created an ideal climate for corn production. FSA records show July high temperatures to be averaging in the low 90's, and some areas of Sherman County have reported upwards of 4 inches of precipitation.

Recent rainfall has provided some relief to growers struggling to keep up with the demanding irrigation needs of corn, and Sherman County corn is currently in above average condition. Although the moist, warm weather has been good for the corn plants, it is conducive to fungi.

Jerry Reeves, a chemical representative for BASF said that several fungi have been detected in Sherman County including Gray Leaf Spot and Common Rust. If left untreated, heavy levels of fungi in corn can reduce yield by up to 50 bushels per acre, he said.

Fortunately there are preventative and curative treatments that protect plants from fungi while also promoting overall plant health, which has been proven to actually increase yield.

Studies show that when Headline fungicide, a BASF product, was tested in the Southern United States, yield was raised by 15.3 bushels per acre, said Reeves.

This fungicide increases yield by reducing night respiration which enables the plant to put more energy toward production, he explained. It also helps the plant to utilize nitrogen more efficiently, Reeves said, and keeps ethylene levels down which extends the "green period" and discourages premature ripening.

Golf is the hardest game in the world to play, and the easiest to cheat at.

—Dave Hill

business, William's Ditching (established in 1952) and today serves as its President. He is also president of Panhandle Holdings, Inc., and Perry Williams, Inc. He is the Manager of Tradewind Estates Development, Managing General Partner of Hillside Estates Development, Ltd., P Dub Investments, Ltd., Way-More Storage, Ltd, Silver Oak Apartments, Ltd. and W Real Estate, Ltd. He owns and manages the Williams Group of Companies which include NESAW, Ltd., Union Square Property Group, Inc. and Blue Haven Homes, Ltd. Williams owns and operates Tradewind Airport as well as Tradewind Charter, LLC.

Williams is active in the Panhandle Builders Association (serving as a Director in 2004-2006), Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, Association of General Contractors, and currently serves on the West Texas A&M University Foundation Board of Directors.



Stanley Pleyer and Bernice Stublefield were crowned 2007 Old Timer King & Queen by GFWC/Prospectus Study Club on Saturday, July 26. The event was held at the First State Bank. Photo by Marylou McDaniel

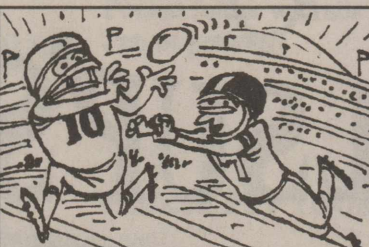
Stublefield & Pleyer Crowned

Stanley Pleyer and Bernice Stublefield were crowned 2007 Old Timer King & Queen by GFWC/Prospectus Study Club on Saturday, July 26. The event was held at The First State Bank before a crowd of family and friends.

A welcome was extended by Margaret Reed who also was emcee. Presentation of colors and the pledge was led by Boy Scouts.

The Royal couple was crowned by D'Lynn Reed and Gina Jones. An arm bouquet of red roses and a boutonniere from "Let's Make Arrangements" were presented to them.

Introductions of past royalty included Alfred Pronger, J.E. Brannan, Betty Brown, Maurine Plunk, Selma Pendleton, Helen Taylor, Joyce Ann Lasley, Oline Caraway.



The football stadium with the largest seating capacity is the Pontiac Silverdome, home of the Detroit Lions. The stadium holds 80,368 fans.

Williams and his wife, Nancy and have six children, Seth, Noah, Arielle, Eden, Lanie and John.

Hickman stated that he was "elated" to have Williams as a

new bank director. "Perry Williams is arguably the 'business mover and shaker' in Amarillo today. Perry is well respected for his insight and business acumen, and well known for his integrity. He will add yet another dimension of strength and foresight to the Happy State Bank Board of Directors," Hickman said.

About Happy State Bank
Established in 1908, Happy State Bank is one of Texas' fastest-growing financial institutions, serving individual consumers and local businesses in nine Panhandle counties. The \$570 Million bank has full-service offices in Happy, Canyon, five locations in Amarillo (3423 Soncy, 3131 Bell, 5050 South Western, 500 Tascosa Road, and 203 West 8th), Stratford, Dalhart, Dumas, Panhandle, and Sunray and now, Plainview. Happy State Bank offers a wide array of traditional personal banking services plus trust and mortgage services, X-Press Phone and On-Line Banking, 27 conveniently located ATM machines and cutting-edge business banking services.

Families of the couple were also introduced. The Queen's family included Darrell & Oma Stublefield, Michelle & Amanda Good, Frank, Barbara, Don, Diane Vaughn, LaQuita, Michael, Caitlen, Mary Graham. Nina & Claude Fedric.

The King's family included Gloria McDaniel, Karen & Alan Watkins, Janet, Wesley, Clay, Sean, Evan, Alec & Levi Richins, Billy & Doyle Terrell.

Penny Boyd sang a couple of Patsy Cline songs. Sweet breads and orange juice were served as visiting was done prior to the parade. The couple rode in the parade in a buggy driven by Cece Yelek.

Club members presented were Margaret Reed, Oline caraway, Dorothy Haile, D'Lynn Reed, LaVell Haggard, Gina Jones, Patti Vincent, Marty Bain, Betty Brown, Ann Johnson, Linda Swain, Mattie Baskin, Marylou McDaniel.

Stratford Days Celebrations

By Bailey Naugle

The Stratford Days festivities kicked off with a great parade that featured horse-drawn carriages, floats, pageant queens, thundering motorcycles, classic cars and even a clown. Participants included the Stratford Patriots, the Sherman County 4-H club, Pokey the Clown, Stratford cheerleaders, ex-students and several local businesses.

Children lined the street, excitedly snatching up treats as candy and toys were tossed into the crowds.

The Lions Club hosted a delicious bar-b-q at Pendleton Park where families came to enjoy food, games and good company.

Tours were held at the school for ex-students to view their alma mater and the recent updates to the facilities.

The return of the Ex-Student Banquet was a hit. Many past students and their families were present to enjoy an excellent meal and a speech by Bill Flores, president of the Texas A&M Association of Former Students and Stratford ex.

On Saturday night the second annual Stratford Days Dance was held at 301 North Poplar.

A sizable crowd turned out to cut a rug to a variety of music, and a great time was had by all.

OBITS

**Winnie (Maude) Allen Simons
1915-2007**

Winnie (Maude) Allen Simons - July 13, 1915 - July 13, 2007. Died in Boulder, Colorado of complications following a stroke. She was 92 years of age.

A Service in Celebration of her life was held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 4-2007 in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, in Huntsville, Texas the Reverend Bruce Hay presiding.

Born in Farwell, Texas to Roy and Edith Allen Winnie grew up in the Texas Panhandle near Stratford, Texas. Roy farmed and raised cattle near Kerrick between Boise, Oklahoma and Stratford.

Winnie attended Stratford High School excelling in basketball and other sports. She graduated from High School in 1932. Thereafter she received degrees from the University of Houston (first graduating class) 1937 and the University of Texas with a Masters in Education in 1939. After graduating from University of Houston, Winnie began teaching Science and Physical Education in Huntsville High School where she met and married Bennie Simons in the fall of 1939.

Bennie began serving in the Army Air Corps in 1941. He was eventually assigned to Columbia, South Carolina. Winnie joined him in Columbia and their first child Leonard Allen was born. Following the war, the couple moved back to Huntsville where a second son, David Ross, was born.

Bennie completed his Masters of Library Science and served as Head Librarian at Sam Houston State Teachers College for many years. Winnie resumed teaching

Physical Education and Biology. She taught at the Junior High and High School level, eventually training to become a School Counselor. As a counselor, she developed an awareness of the importance of day care preschool in promoting childhood educational development for working couples and single-parent families. As a result, she spearheaded the creation of Huntsville's first low-income day care/preschool. In recognition of her work, this facility was named in her honor as the Winnie Simons Center.

Winnie was an active member of the Delta Zeta Sorority and the First United Methodist Church.

Following Bennie's death in 1989, Winnie moved to Colorado to be closer to her sons and grandchildren. She lived for several years in Castle Rock and then moved to Boulder.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bennie Simons of Huntsville Texas, her mother, Edith Allen and her father, Roy Allen of Stratford Texas, three brothers, Eual (Buck) Allen of Dalhart, Texas, George Allen and William (Bill) Allen, of Stratford, Texas. She is succeeded by her sons, Allen Simons of Fruita, CO and David Simons of Boulder, CO; grand daughters: Melinda Sory of Colorado Springs, Julie Simons of Madison, WI, Emily Simons of Baltimore, MD, and grandsons: Andrew Simons of Denver, Colorado, and Jimmy Simons of Washington D.C., and great grandson: Elijah Sory of Colorado Springs, as well as many nieces and nephews in the Texas Panhandle and East Texas.



Leotards are named for Julius Leotard, an 18th-century French gymnast.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

By Susie Spurlock

Sherman County 4-H Council will meet Friday, August 3, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at 308 Kay Avenue for a business meeting. Items of business will include 4-H Achievement Banquet plans, Leadership Fiesta and District 4-H Council meeting announcements. In addition, Rustin Russell will be recognized for his leadership contribution to the 4-H program.

Council members are asked to call the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122 so that adequate plans can be made.

TRI-STATE FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE

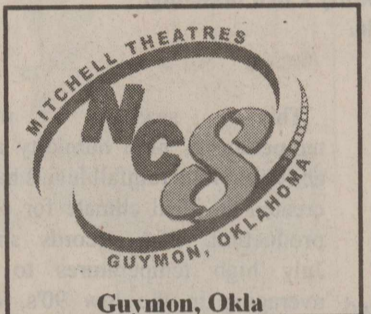
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Sherman County 4-H members planning to exhibit animals at the Tri-State Fair junior livestock show need to make plans to submit their entries no later than August 10, 2007. Entry forms are available at the Sherman County Extension Office Sherman County 4-H entries will be mailed on August 13th.

For more information, contact the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.



Archaeologists believe pottery was invented about 12,000 years ago.



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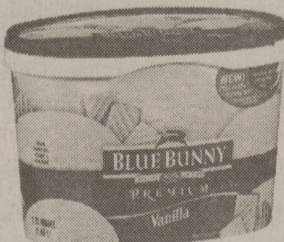
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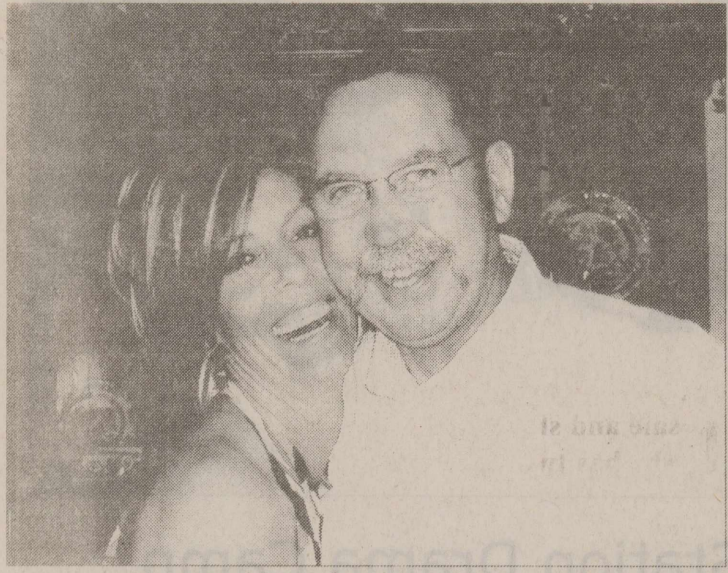
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Engagement Announced

Friends and family of Ward Palmer and Sheila Audrain recently celebrated their engagement with a party in the home of B.A. and LeRayne Donelson. The wedding is planned for later in the summer.



Yard of the Month

Yard of the Month is Tres & Danna Hess located at 1209 NW 1st Street

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Kerrick News By Marylou McDaniel

Marilee & Marylou McDaniel went to Denver, July 20th to see Patti McDaniel. While there they saw two movies, "Harry Potter" and "Hairspray". Visited with Sharon Powell and daughters, Kristen and Sarah & husband Chad. They went on to the McDaniel cabin near Rye where they met Mike McDaniel.

Patti & Sharon came Thursday night. Sharon came for the Class of 67 reunion.

Rustin, son of Jean & Whit McDaniel, played in Little League games at Hereford, winning there, then playing three games at Hugo, OK. They lost Sunday night or would have gone on to National, reports Jo June McDaniel.

An Irlbeck reunion was held in Tres Rias, New Mexico last week. Nicole Irlbeck, Ted's granddaughter who has been here this summer, returned home to Arlington with her dad, Lester. Also going camping were Belinda Roberts of Conlen and Dennis Irlbeck, Amarillo. This is an annual

event for the Irlbecks. There were 22 making the trip this year.

Donna Gillenwaters is having problems since here back surgery. She saw her doctor again Tuesday.

Kerrick Escort has a new employee according to Roy Harris. He is Charles Coolidge of Halleyville, Alabama. Ciccy Harris was escorting from Laredo Monday and the fellows were on the way to Canada. They drive thousands of miles.

Leroy Judd, Stratford, celebrated his birthday Saturday night. The Leonard Hawkins family was among the 30 attending.

Chandra Hawkins attended the Student Council Camp at Texas Tech this week.

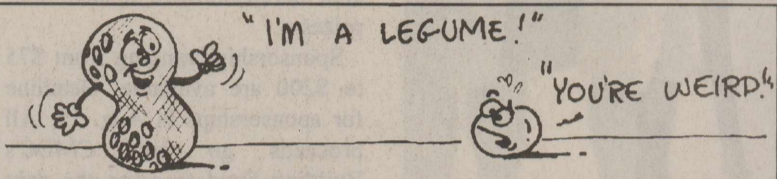
Visiting Sunday with the Hamptons were Katie and Riley Nutt of Louisiana. They are the daughter and grand daughter of Larry & Verlie Norris of Stratford.

ATTENTION READERS

Editors Note: If you have someone serving in the military and would like to have someone's picture and address put in the paper, please leave it with us and we will put it in for you. We will start putting addresses in and they will stay in every week. Call 366-5885 or fax to same number or e-mail stardm@xit.net

Nicholas McDaniel
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Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons singularly ill-designed for the purpose.
—Winston Churchill



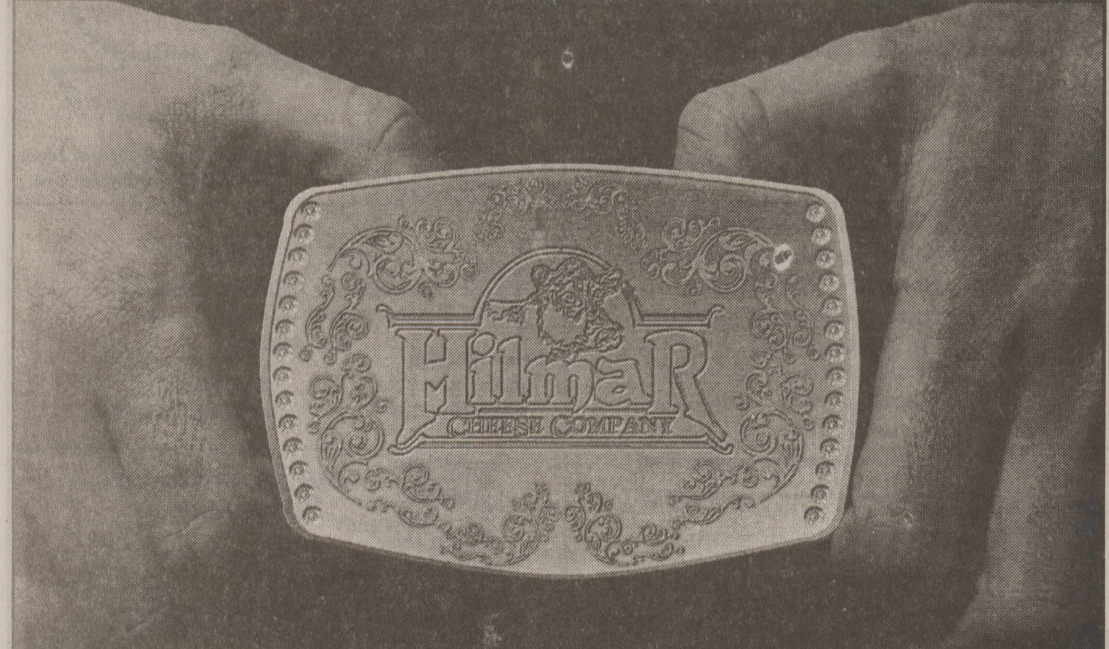
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
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First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m., CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

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Worship Service - 10:30
Wed. -Children—6:00, youth—7:00

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God's Presence is within and all around Me: I am one with God's Protecting care
Protecting Presence

The presence of God is always with us, always within and all around us. Never is there a time when God is not with us; never is there a time when we are not one with God's protecting care. Always and forever we are one with God and God is one with us. When we accept the above statements as true about our self, about our life, and about our dear ones, we can face life with confidence and courage. Nothing dismays us, nothing causes us to fear. God is with us. God is with our dear ones, and God's presence is a protecting one. Today is a day to experience the blessing of God's presence within and all around us. Today is a day to know that we, and all people, are one with God's protecting care.

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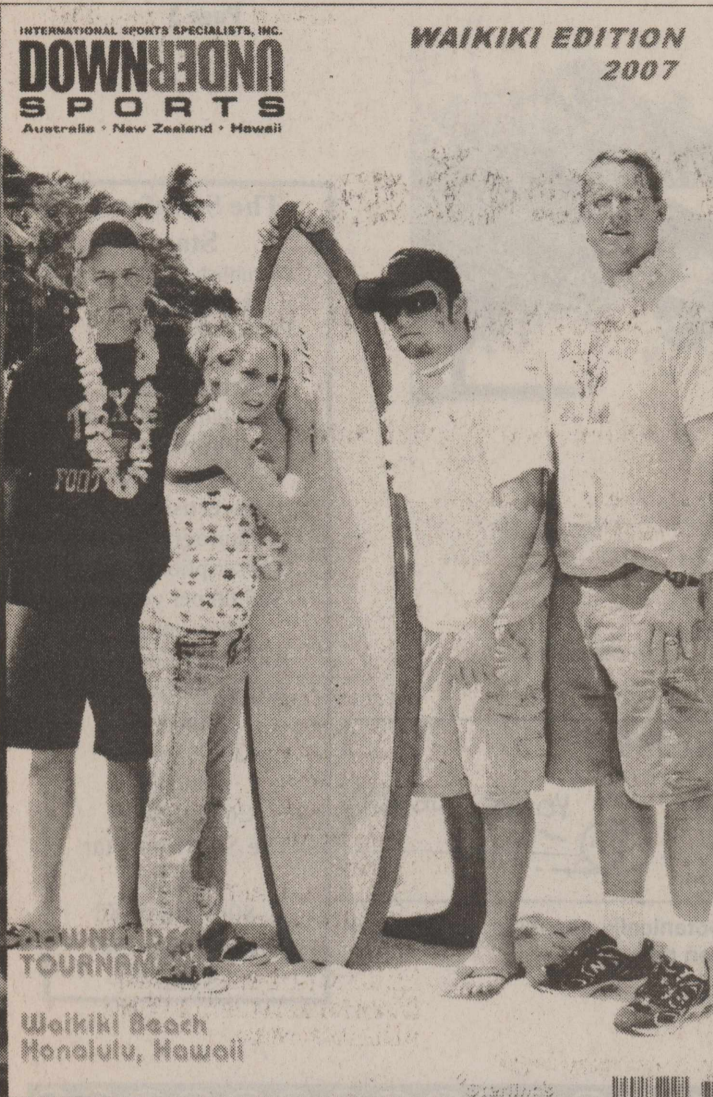
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Shown above left to right Klinton Keener, Kelsie Keener, Kyler Kirkwood and Mark Keener. Story below

Keeners Take Trip to Australia

For the second year Mark Keener made a trip to Australia where he coached a group of Texas athletes. This year was different as he took his children, Klinton and Kelsie, along. Also going to play in the football game was Kyler Kirkwood who now lives at Jonesboro, AK. He played middle linebacker or running back.

This was the Down Under Bowl. The group of students landed in Brisbane after a 13 hour 52 minute flight. The trip was made June 27-July 5.

They bused to the Gold Coast and Surfer's Paradise. Mark had all Texas kids. They had two practice games, a day off, then another practice game.

The Texas team won over the team with members from

Wisconsin, Minnesota, Montana and Pennsylvania. They lost by one point to the California - Utah team. They went to the Wildlife Sanctuary, did some snorkeling, and went to the top of the tallest residential building (7th in the world). Klinton went deep sea fishing, caught a big one and the hotel cooked it for them.

On the return home they stopped in Hawaii. Kelsie went swimming there. Kyler, Kelsie & Klinton went snorkeling. They toured the Honolulu Zoo & Aquarium and attended a Luau. Mark wishes more students would go from this area so they could practice. Of course summer here is winter there.

With Mark as he was interviewed was Antti Lehtola of Lapua, Finland. They had been riding horses and shooting guns. Antti is an exchange student who is staying with Ronnie and Becky Brooks until August 4.

Groundwater Management in Texas - Groundwater Management Areas Address Groundwater Issues on a Regional Scale

On September 1, 2005, House Bill 1763, passed by the 79 Texas Legislature, became effective. This bill, among other things, profoundly changed how groundwater availability is determined in Texas. Groundwater availability, or the amount of groundwater available for use, will affect where many Texans will be getting their water in the future, and the heated debate over groundwater availability and management is likely to continue far into the future.

Some of the more important changes legislated in House Bill 1763 include: 1) regionalizing decisions on groundwater availability, 2) requiring regional water planning groups to use groundwater availability numbers from the groundwater conservation districts, and 3) defining a permitting target for groundwater production. These changes affect both the rules and management plans of the state's groundwater conservation districts, as they must now begin to work with other groundwater conservation districts that share their groundwater resources to reach common goals for the future in a "groundwater management area".

Groundwater management areas (GMAs), which are now an important part of the management process for groundwater management planning, are really nothing new in Texas. They have, in fact, been around more than 50 years, but up until September 2001, their primary purpose was the creation of groundwater conservation districts by petition. A groundwater management area is defined as "an area suitable for the management of groundwater

resources". After the passage of HB 1763, the primary purpose of groundwater management areas has been joint planning.

As part of Senate Bill 2, which was passed in 2001, the Legislature gave the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) the responsibility of creating groundwater management areas and directed the agency to develop groundwater management areas that covered all of the major and minor aquifers of the state. The statute directed the TWDB to use aquifer boundaries or subdivisions of aquifer boundaries for the GMA boundaries, but other factors such as political boundaries could be taken into

effect. GMA 1, in which North Plains Groundwater Conservation District is a participating district, covers the northern part of the Ogallala aquifer, the Rita Blanca, and part of the Dockum. Other GCDs participating in the GMA 1 planning process include Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, Hemphill Underground Water Conservation District and High Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

Senate Bill 2 required that groundwater conservation districts share their management plans with each other within a groundwater management area and participate in joint planning, but only if a district in the management area called for it. In 2005, House Bill 1763 changed that by requiring joint planning among groundwater conservation districts (GCDs) within groundwater management areas. The GCDs are required to meet at least annually to conduct joint planning and to review groundwater management plans and accomplishments.

One of the key components of this joint planning process is to determine "desired future conditions", which are conditions used to calculate the amount of

Ninth Annual Tournament Set for Aug. 27

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will host its Ninth Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by Amarillo National Bank, Monday, Aug. 27, at La Paloma Golf Club. Cost is \$300 per foursome and includes dinner catered by La Paloma.

The tournament begins with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Player registration deadline is Aug. 21. The tournament is limited to the first 32 teams to sign up. Last year the tournament was full, so players are encouraged to pre-register as soon as possible.

Major sponsors include Jill Mathews Insurance, AMATech Tel, ATMOS Energy, Saturn of Amarillo, Amarillo Community Federal Credit Union and HRH Insurance of Amarillo. Numerous area merchants have donated door prizes.

Sponsorships ranging from \$75 to \$200 are available. Deadline for sponsorships is Aug. 15. All proceeds go into CMBC's Building Fund to retire the debt on the new blood center. Coffee Memorial Blood Center is the sole supplier of blood and blood components for 27 counties in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

CMBC is a nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. To sign up to play or to become a sponsor, contact Judy Neill, CMBC development director, at (806) 331-8853.

"managed available groundwater" within the management area. These managed available groundwater volumes and conditions are then to be used for regional water plans, groundwater management plans, and determining permitting targets for groundwater production.

Before HB1763, each groundwater conservation district defined their own groundwater availability, which was included in their groundwater management plans for the district. Now GCDs are required to work together to develop a regional groundwater availability volume and develop the "desired future conditions" for their groundwater resources on a regional basis. Desired future conditions are defined as the desired, quantified conditions of groundwater resources at a specified time or times in the future or in perpetuity. In essence, it is a management goal that captures the philosophy and policies addressing how an aquifer will be managed. These desired future conditions are then to be delivered by the districts to the TWDB, which will then provide estimates of "managed available groundwater" to the districts for inclusion in their groundwater plan, and to the regional water planning groups for inclusion in the regional water plan. The groundwater conservation districts are now required to ensure that their groundwater management plans contain goals and objectives consistent with achieving the desired future conditions set within the groundwater management area plan.

One difficulty for North Plains

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Imagination Station Drama Camp

The Imagination Station DRAMA CAMP - July 23-25, 2007 Morning Class: L/R kneeling: Tanner Riffe, Terri Teig, CJ Kesler. Seated L/R: Tig Mungia, Katelyn Berry, Sheridan Wood, Mathew Turner, Brenner Wood, Mazie Vincent, Kenlee McBryde, Cambry Cummings, Payton Berry, Lashala Anderton, Slate Anderton, Katie Killian. The afternoon class and morning class will have a performance Thursday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m.



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Garage Sales

Backyard Sale: Sat. Aug. 4th 8 until 12 401 N. Wall 8-2-c

Family Garage Sale: 609 S. Pearl Back garage-Friday & Sat. August 3 & 4 8 to ? Old Piano, clothes, furniture, some antiques, "Odds and ends" 8-2-c

Multiple family Garage Sale Block of N. Division Street Saturday, August 4th from 9 a.m. to ? 8-2-c

Garage-Moving Sale: 1216 Olive Saturday, August 4th 8 a.m. to ? Across from Mary Allen School. "Lots of Stuff" 8-2-c

Garage Sale: Sat. August 4th from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 911 N. Chestnut. 8-2-c

Garage Sale: Friday, August 3rd 7 p.m. to ? And Sat. 8 a.m. to ? 102 S. Maple. 8-2-p

Strawberry-Orange Smoothies
Prep Time: 5 Minutes
Start to Finish: 5 Minutes

1 1/2 cups 8th Continent[®] vanilla soy milk
1 bag (10 oz) Cascadian Farm[®] frozen organic strawberries, partially thawed
1 medium banana, cut into chunks
1/2 cup calcium-enriched orange juice
Honey, if desired
1. In blender, place soy milk, strawberries, banana and orange juice. Cover and blend on high speed about 1 minute or until smooth. Sweeten to taste with honey.
2. Pour into 2 glasses. Serve immediately.

2 servings
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Serves 4

4 10-inch flour tortillas
2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese *
1 cup shredded cooked chicken
4 tablespoons Fresh Gourmet Crispy Onions
1/2 cup fresh salsa

On one tortilla, sprinkle 1 cup cheese, 1/2 cup chicken and 2 tablespoons Fresh Gourmet Crispy Onions. Top with second tortilla. (Repeat process for second quesadilla.)

Preheat a large frying pan or griddle over medium-hot heat. Place both filled tortillas in pan and cook until tortillas are browned and cheese begins to soften. Turn over and continue to cook until cheese is melted and tortillas are browned. Cut each quesadilla into 4 wedge-size pieces. Total recipe makes 8 pieces to serve four.

* Mexican shredded cheese is a good substitute.

For more popular recipes, visit www.freshgourmet.com.

Houses for Sale

House for Sale: 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, 2250 sq. ft. Close to schools-1216 Olive. Will show by appt. Call Johnny or Nita Hudson 806-290-2238. 5-24-tfn

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For Sale: BBQ Grill-Single Axle 2' ball hitch. Call 366-2586. \$650.00 FIRM. 8-9-c

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Ralph & Cynthia Warren
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Attention: New Mary Allen Elementary School Supply List

Mary Allen Elementary
School Supply List
2007-2008

Pre-Kindergarten
1 Box of Kleenex
1 Back Pack
2 Boxes of 8 Large Crayola Crayons

Kindergarten
2 Boxes of Kleenex
5 Large Glue Sticks
1 Box of 8 Crayons
1 Box of 16 Crayons
1 Box of 24 Crayons
12 Pencils
1 Pair Fiskar Scissors
1 Small School Box
1 Pink Eraser
1 Spiral Notebook
1 Rest Mat (No blankets, exercise mats or sleeping bags)

First Grade
1 Wide Ruled Spiral Notebook
12 #2 Pencils
2 Red Pencils
10 Pencil Erasers
2 Boxes of Crayons (No Fluorescent)
1 Small Pencil Box
1 Pair Point Tip Scissors
1 Large Box of Kleenex - BOYS ONLY
1 Roll Paper Towels - GIRLS ONLY
20 Pencils (not mechanical)
No Pencil Sharpeners
10 Red Grading Pens or Pencils
Please mark your child's things with his/her name

Second Grade
1 Large Zippered Pencil Bag
1 Box of 24 Crayons
1 Pair of Scissors
20 #2 Pencils
3 Red Pens or Pencils
2 70 Count Spiral Notebooks - Wide Ruled
2 Plastic Folders with Pockets
2 Pink Erasers (big)
1 8 oz. Bottle Elmer's Glue
1 pkg. Loose Leaf Paper - Wide Ruled
1 Large Box of Kleenex - BOYS ONLY
1 Roll Paper Towels - GIRLS ONLY
Please mark your child's things with his/her name

Stratford Middle School Supply List 2007-2008

5th & 6th Grade

Math
20 pencils
1 pocket folder
3 red pens or pencils

Science
Large 3-ring notebook (1 1/2" rings)
6 tabbed dividers
Large red wire spiral notebook (120 pgs)
Colored pencils
1 plastic folder w/pockets

Social Studies
Thick wire-spiral
Colored pencils (may be used for science as well)
Erasable ink pens: 6 red; 6 blue or black;
2 pencils
Zipper pouch
If you purchase stretchy book cover, Social Studies book is extra-extra large.

Stratford Junior High School Supply List 2007-2008

7th grade

notebook paper
12-#2 pencils
6 ball point pens (black or blue)
6 red ball point pens
2 small spiral notebooks
3- 3-hole Folder w/brads & pockets
1 set magic markers
3 large Kleenex boxes
highlighter

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Red pen or pencil
1 large box of Kleenex

6th grade

Reading
Pocket folder w/brads
Pen or pencil

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON ALL ITEMS!

8th grade

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6 red ball point pens
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The Class of 1997 waves to the crowd from their float.

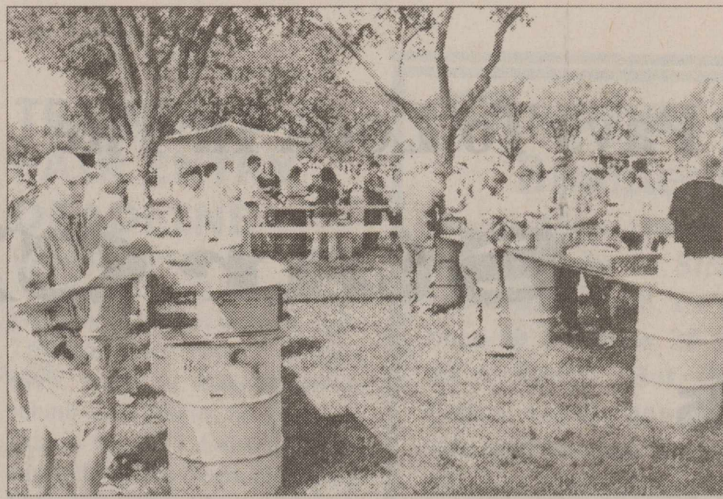


Class of 1967: Back Row L-R: Guests Brittany & Callie McDonald, Paula Young Willey, Wesley Willey, Vicki Jackson Hayes, Raedeane Schriber Gupton, Sharon Martenson Powell, Jimmy Gupton. Front L-R: Jana Pronger, Lynda Sutton Hauser, Joyce Hodges McBryde, Greg "Punkin" Keener, Ted Bouldin, Pam Bennett Carson, Dallas Foreman Boggs.

Photo by Lynda Hauser



Queen and King being pulled in the Horse Drawn Carriage King Stanley Pleyer and Queen Bernice Stublefield-Photo by Bailey Naugle



People filling their plates at the Lions Club Barbeque. Photo by Bailey Naugle



Shaylee Audrain picks up candy at the parade -Photo by Bailey Naugle

(NU) - When back-to-school time rolls around, the hectic juggling of family schedules begins. Finding time to spend together is easier when families develop a plan and use technology to their advantage to save time. For instance, creating a family e-mail list makes it easier for kids and parents to communicate their schedules electronically and saves cell phone minutes. Another idea is to buy books online so you don't have to commute back and forth between stores. And don't forget to turn off the TV: In fact, it can be easier to forgo watching television for homework with DVR technology, which captures shows digitally and stores them for later viewing, so you can make television work around your schedule.

Alfalfa Workshop Set For Aug. 9 in Farwell

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Contact: Calvin Trostle, (806) 746-6101, c-trostle@tamu.edu

FARWELL - Crop producers, cattle raisers and grass farmers who are interested in alfalfa should mark Aug. 9 on their calendars. That is the date for a regional alfalfa workshop in Farwell, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and New Mexico State University.

"We will cover a wide variety of production topics, from variety selection, fertility and irrigation to weed control, entomology and forage quality," said Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist based at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. "We will also visit a nearby alfalfa field."

The workshop will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. Central Time at the Farwell Community Center, 207 Ninth St., two blocks south of U.S. Highway 84.

The program will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is included with registration.

Trostle will present an overview of alfalfa production, followed by a session on weed control. Leonard Lauriault, New Mexico State, will discuss variety selection and the university's alfalfa testing program. Monti Vandiver, Extension integrated pest management agent, will provide an insect and pest update. Registration costs \$20 per person and includes lunch and an alfalfa crop book containing Extension, New Mexico State and National Alfalfa Alliance information.

Those who plan to attend are encouraged to pre-register by Aug. 7, by calling the Extension office in Farmer County at 806-481-3619. Participants will qualify for continuing education units approved for Texas and New Mexico.

For more information, contact Trostle at 806-746-6101; Mark Marsalis, New Mexico State agronomist in Clovis, at 505-985-2292; or the Extension office in Farmer County.



In 1874, the men of Harvard charged admission to a football game between Harvard and McGill University. This marked the first time that admission was charged for a collegiate sporting event. The money went toward entertaining the McGill team.

PARENTING

Tips on Being Prepared In Case of School Fire

NewsUSA

(NU) - With threats like terrorist attacks and school shooting sprees, the danger of fire in public places may be a threat that is no longer adequately focused upon in terms of preparation.

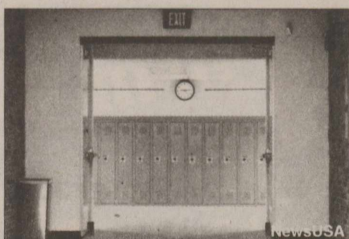
Although schools are required by law to have smoke alarms and evacuation plans, it's a good idea for parents to take the time to prepare their children. Here are some points to remember when teaching your kids about school fire safety:

- **Brief them about the procedure of an evacuation.** To set your children's nerves at ease, tell them where you will be in the case of an emergency. For instance, if your children's school has adopted a mass notification system such as IRIS (www.useiris.com), let your kids know that you will always be informed of any emergency that occurs.

IRIS, short for Immediate Response Information System, is a high-speed notification service that sends messages to thousands of people in seconds, transmitting voice and text alerts to multiple devices such as cell phones, PDAs and fax machines. Emergency messages can be sent in more than 10 languages.

Check whether your county's schools have adopted such a system, and if not, encourage authorities to do so. These systems not only inform parents of emergencies, they make recovering kids from an evacuation easier as well.

- **Make sure they're familiar with their school's layout.** With



Knowing all available exits can help kids safely evacuate their schools in an emergency.

your children in tow, take a walk around the school and make them familiar with possible escape routes.

Locate all the exits and make sure that your children know where they are in relation to different classrooms. During an evacuation, they will probably be guided by their teachers, but in case they get separated, it's useful for them to know the school's layout on their own.

- **Feel first.** Teach your children basic fire-safety precautions. For instance, when fleeing a fire, make sure that they know to feel the surface of a door before opening it.

A hot door could mean that a fire is present in the room they're about to enter. In this case, it may be necessary to find another exit route, a fact that lends credence to the importance of being familiar with the school's layout.

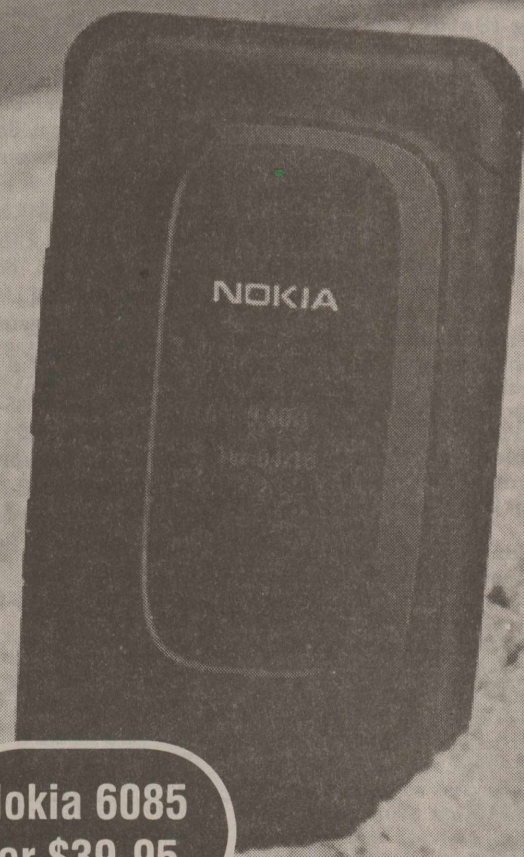
- **Stay low.** Advise your children to crouch while walking if they have to evacuate their school. Smoke rises, so staying low is vital to keeping safe if a fire is burning nearby.

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